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Following a number of discussions involving Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Wisner, [REDACTED] and myself, the Director met with General Cabell, Mr. Wisner, Mr. [REDACTED] and me this morning and announced his intention of going ahead with the merger of the Administrative Staff, Office of the Deputy Director (Plans), with that of the Office of the Deputy Director (Administration). He requested that we get together with Messrs [REDACTED] and Reynolds and work out the detailed procedures. Mr. [REDACTED] has designated Mr. [REDACTED] as the DD/P representative to work out these procedures.

Later in the day General Cabell met with Mr. [REDACTED] Mr. Reynolds, and me to discuss this matter. He emphasized that this task should be undertaken with a great deal of humility, that building up the confidence of Mr. Wisner and his people in our ability to render better service was the peg upon which we must hang our chances of making it succeed, etc. I emphasized to the group that I thought we must hold this very closely until Mr. Wisner had made some announcement to his own staff and advised that I was meeting with Mr. [REDACTED] later on in the afternoon, after which I would arrange to meet with him, Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. Reynolds to plan the procedures for studying and implementing this decision in detail.

I met with Mr. [REDACTED] later on in the afternoon to discuss the subject generally and have agreed to meet with him, Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. Reynolds on Monday at 11:00 a.m.

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